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To amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide training for school certifying officials.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TROTT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Bolstering Returning  
5       American Veterans Education Act” or the “BRAVE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS PROVISION**  
2 **OF TRAINING FOR SCHOOL CERTIFYING OF-**  
3 **FICIALS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter I of chapter 36 of title  
5 38, United States Code, is amended by inserting after sec-  
6 tion 3674A the following new section:

7 **“§ 3674B. Training for school certifying officials**

8 “(a) TRAINING CURRICULUM.—The Secretary, in  
9 consultation with the National Association of State Ap-  
10 proving Agencies, State approving agencies, the National  
11 Association of Veterans’ Program Administrators, and  
12 school certifying officials, shall establish and provide a  
13 standard training curriculum for school certifying officials  
14 regarding administrative responsibilities relating to the  
15 educational assistance programs of the Department.

16 “(b) CONTENTS.—The training curriculum required  
17 under subsection (a) shall include training related to each  
18 of the following:

19 “(1) Certification and recertification for the  
20 educational assistance programs of the Department.

21 “(2) Certification and recertification for tutor-  
22 ing assistance and meeting the voluntary require-  
23 ments of Executive Order 13607.

24 “(3) Standards and process for establishing and  
25 maintaining the approval of courses of education for

1 purposes of the educational assistance programs of  
2 the Department.

3 “(4) The Yellow Ribbon G.I. Education En-  
4 hancement Program under section 3317 of this title.

5 “(5) The calculation and distribution of pay-  
6 ments under the educational assistance programs of  
7 the Department.

8 “(6) Common ways to assist individuals entitled  
9 to educational assistance under the laws adminis-  
10 tered by the Secretary in using such entitlement.

11 “(c) PROVISION OF TRAINING.—The training cur-  
12 riculum required by subsection (a) shall be provided  
13 through an internet website or taught at a conference  
14 sponsored by the Department.

15 “(d) REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICIALS.—The Sec-  
16 retary shall require, as a condition of the approval of a  
17 course of education under this chapter, that the school cer-  
18 tifying official of the educational institution offering such  
19 course—

20 “(1) completes the training curriculum required  
21 under subsection (a)—

22 “(A) by not later than 30 days after first  
23 being designated as a school certifying official;  
24 and

1                   “(B) not less often than once during every  
2                   subsequent two-year period; and

3                   “(2) upon completion of the training curricu-  
4                   lum, earns a score of at least 75 percent on a mul-  
5                   tiple choice exam designed to test the knowledge of  
6                   the official with the subjects covered in the training  
7                   curriculum.

8                   “(e) SCHOOL CERTIFYING OFFICIAL DEFINED.—In  
9                   this section, the term ‘school certifying official’ means an  
10                  official of an educational institution designated to sign or  
11                  report Department enrollment certifications, certifications  
12                  of change in student status, certifications of delivery of  
13                  advance payments, certifications of pursuit, attendance,  
14                  flight training, on-the-job or apprenticeship training (as  
15                  applicable), or other certifications of enrollment or to sign  
16                  the school portion of the application and enrollment cer-  
17                  tification for individualized tutorial assistance.”.

18                  (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
19                  at the beginning of such chapter is amended by inserting  
20                  after the item relating to section 3674A the following new  
21                  item:

                  “3674B. Training for school certifying officials.”.

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